

Please add the following claims.

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A --17. (new) A coating composition which comprises 0.01-10 parts by weight of a pigment dispersion composition according to claim 1 per 100 parts by weight of a solid film-forming binder.

18. (new) -- A process for preparing a coating composition according to claim 17 which comprises combining the pigment dispersion composition with the film-forming binder.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-18 are pending. Claim 15 has been amended by replacement. Said claim has been amended to reduce filing fees by eliminating multiple dependency. No other claims have been amended. Claims 17 and 18 have been added. Said claims are supported by the disclosure on page 17, paragraphs 2 and 3. No new matter has been added.

Another version of the amended claim, showing the changes relative to the previous version, is appended. Additions are shown by underlining. Deletions are shown by strikethrough rather than bracketing since the claims may contain bracketing that is to remain.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in proper form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited.

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Marked-up Version of Amended Claim 15

15. (amended) A process for preparing a pigment dispersion composition according to claim 14 which comprises dispersing in a liquid carrier the pigment particles in the presence of thea block copolymer of the formula I, wherein I, A, B, X, x, y, p and q are as defined in claim 1.

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